

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Waldman *et al.*

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Title: USE OF GCC LIGANDS

**Mail Stop: Amendment
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This reply is being filed in response to the outstanding Official Action dated August 1, 2008, in connection with the above-identified patent application. The period to respond is extended by petition and payment of the appropriate fee provided herewith. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the restriction requirement.

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